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SUBJ: PRC POLICY ON CHINESE-AMERICANS

SUMMARY: PEKING REPORTEDLY HAS DECIDED DRASTICALLY TO RESTRICT
THE FUTURE ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO CHINESE-AMERICANS. END
SUMMARY.

1. A CHINESE-AMERICAN LAWYER RECENTLY TRANSITING HONG KONG
INFORMED CONGENOFFS THAT NANCY TANG (TANG WEN-SHENG) HAD TOLD
HIM IN PEKING THAT THE PRC STOPPED ISSUING VISAS FOR CHINESE-
AMERICANS AS OF JULY 1. THOSE CHINESE-AMERICANS VISITING THE
PRC NOW HAD ALL RECEIVED THEIR VISAS PRIOR TO JULY 1. MISS
TANG HERSELF HAD BROUGHT BACK TWELVE RELATIVES FROM THE NEW
YORK AREA WHEN SHE RETURNED FROM HER TRIP TO THE UNITED
NATIONS WITH CHIAO KUAN-HUA (SHE APPARENTLY LEFT NEW YORK WELL
BEFORE CHIAO AND THE REST OF THE DELEGATION) BUT THEY ENTERED THE
PRC WITHOUT VISAS AS A SPECIAL PRIVILEGE TO HER.

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2. COMMENT: ENTRIES OF CHINESE-AMERICANS TO CHINA THROUGH HONG KONG

DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE MARKEDLY FALLEN OFF, BUT PRESUMABLY THERE WILL BE A CONSIDERABLE TIME LAG BEFORE THE REPORTED RESTRICTION IS APPARENT IN CURRENT TRAFFIC. THIS REPORT FOLLOWS NUMEROUS INDICATIONS THIS PAST SUMMER THAT PRC SECURITY ORGANIZATIONS WERE BECOMING CONCERNED OVER THE PROBLEM POSED BY THE LARGE NUMBERS OF OVERSEAS CHINESE VISITORS PARADING THROUGH CHINA.

IN ADDITION, DOCTRINAIRE ELEMENTS IN THE LEADERSHIP WERE APPARENTLY CONCERNED WITH THE MORAL CONTAMINATION POSED BY THESE VISITORS AS WELL AS BY THE SINO-U.S. CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE PROGRAM (HONG KONG 8459). THIS REPORTED DECISION ALSO COMES AT TIME WHEN PEQEG IS ALSO FACILITATING EMIGRATION OF ITS RESIDENT OVERSEAS CHINESE (HONG KONG 1148). CHOU AND OTHER TOP OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO MEET PROMINENT CHINESE-AMERICAN VISITORS AND IF AS REPORTED, RESTRICTIONS ARE PLACED ON THE ISSUANCE OF VISAS, SELECTED CHINESE-AMERICANS WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY CONTINUE TO BE ALLOWED ENTRY. OSBORN UNQUOTE RUSH

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